Sl. No.	*Name of the PSE*	*%age of disinvestment*
1	*2*	*3*
28.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	1.54
29.	Hindustan Photofilms Mfg. Co. Ltd.	16.05
30.	CMC Ltd.	16.69

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: I shall call you one by one. Kindly sit down.

[*Interruptions*]

SHRI KHELSAI SINGH (Sarguja): Mr. Speaker, Sir, people in Vadafnagar Development Block in Sarguza district of Madhya Pradesh are facing starvation. In village Bijakura, the daughter-in-law of Rabai Pando Bakli and her grandson Babu Lal died of starvation on 16.2.1992. On 5.3.1992 in Navgai village, Birju Pando and in village Koguar one Gond tribal died of starvation. The situation over there has become quite grim now. The tribals have neither wheat, nor money nor any relief centres have been opened there. For many years, there has been scanty rainfall due to which the production of wheat is on the wane. There is no vegetation in the forests. The Pando tribe largely survives upon vegetation. there is need to open relief centres in these villages failing which the poor tribals will perish of starvation.

Through you, I would like to request the Hon. Prime Minister to send the hon. Agriculture Minister and the hon. Minister of Food to Vadafnagar in Sarguja district and ask them to examine the situation and open relief centres on a large scale and make arrangements to send wheat and money from here.

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH (Rajgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the tribal area of Madhya Pradesh, relief schemes are simply not being implemented. I am not concerned how many relief schemes have been launched by the Madhya Pradesh Government but I would certainly like you to instruct the Union Agriculture Minister and the Minister of Food to look into the matter. I seek your protection in this matter because the situation over there has become quite grim. People have neither wheat nor water and people are dying of hunger. We seek your intervention. Kindly direct the hon. Minister to send a Central team to assess the situation there and communicate our feelings to the Hon. Prime Minister.

Earlier also, that region was affected by drought in 1967. At that time, SVD Government was in power. The SVD Government did the same thing which the Government is doing today. The then Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi herself went to Vadafnagar and she launched relief works there in one year, almost one lakh people were given work. But till now, no relief work has been started in Madhya Pradesh. The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is being misused. The Chief Minister of the State has written a letter, in

which it has been stated that 13,000 labourers are working there. Previously, almost one and a half lakh people were getting work whereas today only 13,000 people are getting work there. That ia the reason, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we seek your protection in this matter. We are very much worried. We are sitting here, but people are dying of hunger. We are not able to go to our constituencies.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I request you to give us some protection. .....(*Interruptions*).....

Mr. Speaker Sir, the entire public distribution system has collapsed. Whatever food grains are sent for distribution we sold in the black market. The Central Government wanted to supply foodgrains to tribals on subsidized prices. What to talk of cheaper foodgrains, they are not getting foodgrains at all and they are dying of hunger. That is why we are extremely unhappy and therefore, seek your protection. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: If the tribals are facing a problem regarding foodgrains, then we would like that while the State Government is looking after it, in future the Central Government should also look after this aspect. I would therefore, like to urge the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs that he should discuss this with the concerned Minister and render as much help as is possible.

[*Interruptions*]

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I will come to you. If you please speak one after the other many of you will be able to make the points. Now Shri A. Charles to speak.

[*Interruptions*]

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum): Sir, in the Eighth Lok Sabha, in the year 1988, the then Minister of Energy Shri Vasant Sathe made a categorical statement in this august House that the Kayamkulam Thermal Project for Kerala was sanctioned. He had also made it clear that when once it was stared it might take a maximum of four years for the completion of the Project. We hoped that by the year 1992 we would get the much-awaited energy in Kerala. Kerala is facing an acute power shortage. It is very unfortunate that after four years even the final sanction has not been given for the Kayamkulam thermal Project. It was as prestigious project of having a capacity of 3000 mega watts But in the process of the Project being processed it was pruned to about 800 mega watts. And now it is proposed to be dropped. I was shocked to hear an answer last week that the Project is being reconsidered again. That means at some stage, somewhere that has been cancelled. We are not aware of that. Personally, I had been to one place of that area called Choolathervu where a large number of fishermen resisted that Project. But we managed them to be uprooted and they were removed. It is now pending with the Environment Ministry. All the Hydel Projects in Kerala have been cancelled. The much-talked about Silent Valley Project, when that was cancelled, we were assured that the Pooyamkutty Project would be given to us. Now, the Pooyamkutty Project is also with the Environment Ministry. No Hydel Projects are coming up. The only hope of Kerala is that of Thermal Project, that is, the Kayamkulam Project. Probably within two or three days they are going to take a final decision in this regard. Therefore, on behalf of the 2.7 crores of people of Kerala, I appeal that Thermal Project may be given to Kerala. I further appeal that the Kayamkulam venue should not be shifted and that Project should be allowed and to save Kerala from the acute Power crisis. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.C THOMAS (Muvattupuzha): It is a very serious matter. The power situation in Kerala is very very acute (*Interruptions*)